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WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

**“WILLIAMS-CONE SCHOOL IS A SAFE AND KIND COMMUNITY THAT
INSPIRES EVERY STUDENT TO SUCCEED-COMPASSIONATE,
CURIOUS, CONFIDENT LEARNERS”**

Important Dates

2/12 5th Grade Tiger Team
Childrens Book Distribution
Trip, 12:30-3:00 P.M.

2/15-2/18 Winter Break 2

2/22 FOWC Meeting, 6:30
P.M.

2/25 Variety Show, 6:30
P.M., Gymnasium

2/26 FOWC Family Movie
Night, 6:00 P.M.

3/2-3/10, 3/14-3/18 Parent
Teacher Conferences

3/10 Early Dismissal, 12:00
P.M.

3/11 Professional
Development Day, No
School

3/16 All School Read-A-
Thon, 2:00 P.M.



It's Fabulous February!

Since we returned from Winter Break 1 students have been engaged in new learning, assessments and activities. Over 100 students participated in the Winter Break 1 Reading Challenge and have been treated to spending lunch time with a mystery guest reader. Topsham Police Chief Chris Lewis spent time reading to kindergarten students, Superintendent Brad Smith read to first grade students, Asst. Superintendent Dan Chuhta read to second grade students, Mariah Sewall, Children's Librarian at the Topsham Public Library read to third grade students and Topsham Fire Department Chief Brian Stockade read to fourth and fifth grade students. We appreciate the support of our community leaders! Thank-you to the parents and caregivers who helped to ensure that their children read and completed the Reading Challenge.

A Winter Break 2 Principal's Reading Challenge will be sent home this week with students. Please consider how you can support your child in this important activity that helps to promote the love of reading and maintain their reading skills. Thank-you!

To help review, teach and support our school's Code of Cooperation -Rights, Respect and Responsibility, students and staff have been completing "bucket slips" and placing them in a bucket located in the school office. The slips, which are read daily over the morning announcements, highlight students who are practicing the Code of Cooperation throughout the school community.

Additionally, throughout the second semester students are also being taught to be "compassionate learners" as part of our ongoing shared school vision implementation and focus. Activities to support this learning include a Children's Book Drive led by the 5th Grade Tiger Team (see photos above) and a food drive benefitting Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention Program led by Mrs. Kish's 2nd grade classroom. A variety of classrooms are also in the process of writing letters of encouragement to local individuals as well as military troops.

Thank-you to our wonderful community for your continued support. Enjoy the upcoming Winter Break 2!

-Mrs. Randa C. Rineer, WCS Principal

Variety Show News

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 25!! The WCS Variety Show begins at 6:30 that evening in the gym. The suggested donation is \$2.00/adult, \$1.00/child or \$5.00/family. There will be a bake sale during intermission as well. We hope to see you at this fun family event.

For the cast and crew:

We have one regular rehearsal left before vacation. Please continue your practice during vacation week. This will help to keep the acts fresh. Here is the schedule for what's coming up:

Last Wednesday Rehearsal: Wednesday, Feb 10 (3:30-5:30)

Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, Feb 23 (3:30-6:00) **MANDATORY**

School Show: Wednesday, Feb 24 (Time to be determined)

Evening Show: Thursday, Feb 25 (6:30)

Snow Date for evening show: Tuesday, March 1 (6:30)

Pizza Party for cast and crew: Wednesday, March 2 (3:30-4:15)

Calling 2016-17 Kindergarten Students!

If you have a child who will turn 5 no later than October 15, 2016, he/she is eligible to attend kindergarten in September 2016. Please call Karen Sanders, WCS secretary at 725-4391 to inform her that your child is eligible to attend. Additional registration information is available on the district website at: link75.org

A Reminder: Attendance Matters

Good attendance will help your child do well in school, college and at work. Here are a few tips for helping your child get to school:

- *Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- *Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- *Don't let your child stay home unless he or she is truly sick. Sometimes stomachaches can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- *If your child seems anxious to go to school, talk to teachers, school counselors or other parents for advice on how to help your child feel more comfortable and excited about learning.
- *Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

FOWC News

Hello Friends,

What a strange weather pattern we have been having! However we certainly have been lucky with some warmth! Due to this, sadly our Winter Wonderland has been postponed until further notice, (however we have had some snow so we may choose a new date at our next friends meeting). We are excited to share that the FOWC and 5th grade fundraiser at Gelato Fiasco was a hit and it was so wonderful to see our community supporting our children. We had about the same turnout as last year!! We will be holding a fundraiser at **Smittys in Topsham on March 10th** and we will send more information as it gets closer. This day will be a half day for the elementary as well as a closed day on Friday! Just a small heads up **Zootopia** will be coming out that week!! We are almost completed with our teacher wish lists and they have so thankful for all the items they were in need of, so again THANK YOU for all the help with raising money to make this possible. We also are in the works on a letter to families showing where the money goes and how important these fundraisers all are to our school! at the beginning of March we will be reaching out for volunteers to help paint our hallways! Yes, we are going to brighten them up so any help will be appreciated- painting/filling holes/sanding!! We will supply pizza and drinks! This will be an adult only event for safety reasons. We in addition have a little fun night planned at WCS to hold "Inside Out" the movie where families can enjoy a evening of popcorn and drinks and bring camping chairs/ bean bags! Thank you all very much for working with us and supporting all our students!

-Andrea & Nyssa